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PHILIP SERFASS.—A Johann Philip Serfass arrived at Philadelphia on the ship "Samuel," Captain Hugh Percy, from Rotterdam, in August of 1739. With his wife, Mary Catherine, he lived in the vicinity of Second and Race Streets until about the year 1754, when he removed to a plantation purchased in Chestnut Hill Township, now Monroe County. He died there in 1786; the date of his wife's death is not ascertained. Descendants of the name are living in the county.

Book Notices.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN THE WAR FOR AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE. By Ethan Allen Weaver.

There is no county of this Commonwealth whose history has been more neglected, notwithstanding the richness of the field, than old Northampton, and but one work has been published within the last half century with any pretensions to its being a history. Mr. Weaver has devoted many years to general researches in its history, and no person is better qualified for the work he has in hand. The Revolutionary history of the county has never been developed, but now it will be given its just due for patriotism, to which it is entitled, for its soldiery participated in all the important battles of the war from Canada to South Carolina. Easton was a strategic point of much importance and the seat of a military prison and hospital, and in its suburbs was organized Sullivan's expedition against the Indians. Bethlehem, more inland, has also a history no less interesting. The muster rolls of militia companies, orderly books, and registers of prisoners of war, and much other matter, never before printed, will be some of the important and valuable features of this forthcoming volume.

THE PERKIOMEN REGION, PAST AND PRESENT. Vol. II.—Edited by Henry S. Dotterer, 1605 N. Thirteenth Street, Philadelphia. Bound copies, $2.00.

There is no region in Eastern Pennsylvania so rich in historical antiquities as the valley of the Perkiomen, and no worker has wrought so industriously in it as the eminently qualified editor of this excellent serial. Much of its early history he has collected with great labor and unflagging industry, and published it in the two volumes which have been issued. In addition to his local researches, which comprise church records, biographies, and genealogies of early settlers, land grants, and the names of purchasers, assessment lists and reprints of original documents, the results of his investigations in Europe are presented. For authentic data and variety of matter, therefore, the antiquary and historical student cannot fail to find much information that is new and valuable relating to this historic region. We must also refer, with commendation, to the typography and general make-up of the magazine. It is issued monthly at $1.00 per annum.

ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE REVOLUTION, 1899–1900. Edited by Ethan Allen Weaver, Secretary. 8vo., 64 pages.

From the report before us we find that this influential Society with a membership of upward of eleven hundred descendants of Revolutionary

heroes continues annually to celebrate the anniversaries of prominent events connected with the war for independence in this State. On June 16 the Society visited Paoli, where Hampton L. Carson, Esq., delivered an excellent historical address on the military services of General Wayne, which is printed in the proceedings. The Society also contemplates placing a tablet in the courtyard of the City Hall, to mark a part of the camp site of Rochambeau's army when en route to Yorktown, and one on the school building on Third Street above Noble, which stands on the western bounds of the army barracks of Colonial and Revolutionary days. A fund is also being raised to erect a statue of General Anthony Wayne that will be an honor to the Society and to the Commonwealth.

PHYSIC AND ITS PRACTISERS IN OLD NORTHAMPTON. An Historical Sketch for the Jubilee Meeting of the Medical Society of Northampton County. By Charles McIntire, A.M., M.D. Easton, Penna., 1900. Pp. 64.

This monograph of Dr. McIntire covers the medical history of Northampton County from 1742 to 1800, and contains biographical sketches of the twenty-five surgeons and physicians who practised their profession during that period. The reputation of Doctors John Frederick and John Matthew Otto, and Andrew Ledlie, during the Provincial and Revolutionary periods, and John Cooper, John F. Rudolphi, and others of a later date, extended beyond the confines of the county, not only for their medical but scientific attainments. Dr. McIntire has devoted much patient research to his work, which is not only a valuable contribution to local history, but also to the medical history of the Commonwealth.

HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS RELATING TO THE POTTS FAMILY IN GREAT BRITAIN AND AMERICA, INCLUDING A HISTORIC-GENEALOGY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF DAVID POTTS, AN EARLY ANGLO-WELSH SETTLER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The above work, which will be a handsome octavo of over five hundred pages and illustrated with portraits, homesteads, coats-of-arms, autographs, and ancient documents, is now in press. The first part, "The Potts Family in Great Britain," is by the late William John Potts, whose geneological researches are so well known. Part second, "The Potts Family in America," and part third, "David Potts of Philadelphia County and his Descendants," to the eleventh generation, are by the compiler. The price of the work is fixed at $5.00 per copy. Address Thomas Maxwell Potts, Canonsburg, Penna.

THE HISTORICAL RECORD. A Quarterly Publication devoted principally to the Early History of the Wyoming Valley and Contiguous Territory, with Notes and Queries, Biographical, Antiquarian, and Geneological. Edited by F. C. Johnson, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

The special aim of the "Historical Record" is indicated in its title-page, and Volume VIII., bound, which has been recently received, maintains the reputation which it has so long enjoyed. No valley in this Commonwealth is so rich in its historical associations as the Wyoming Valley, and through Dr. Johnson's researches we are statedly presented with data, historical and genealogical, that would otherwise be lost. Orders for copies should be forwarded to the editor.

THE CONSTITUTION AND REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812, TO OCTOBER 1, 1899. Compiled by Captain Henry Hobart Bellas, U.S.A., Secretary-General. Philadelphia, 1899, pp. 231.

This Society was organized September 14, 1814; reorganized January 9, 1854, and instituted April 14, 1894. Among its members are seventeen veterans of the war; Daniel Mickley, aged over 103 years, who served in the defence of Baltimore, being a resident of Pennsylvania. In nine States societies have been organized, Pennsylvania leading with a membership of about three hundred. The book is very attractive in appearance, and the data valuable and interesting.

THE WADE GENEALOGY. By Stuart C. Wade. New York, 1900. Part I. 8vo, pp. 96, illustrated. Price, $1.00. Apply to compiler, 146 W. Thirty-fourth Street, New York City.

This work gives some account of the origin of the name, and of the lost folk-story of the famous hero, Wade; particulars and pedigrees of famous Englishmen of the name and genealogies of the families of Wade of Massachusetts and New Jersey, to which are added many miscellaneous pedigrees; also a roll of honor of the Wades who went to war. It is illustrated with portraits, coats-of-arms, and fac-similes of old documents and family papers.

ON THE FRONTIER WITH COLONEL ANTES, OR THE STRUGGLE FOR SUPREMACY OF THE RED AND WHITE RACE IN PENNSYLVANIA. By Edwin MacMinn. Camden, 1900. Price, $3.00.

The Rev. Mr. McMinn some years ago wrote a life of Henry Antes, a prominent figure in the religious movement among the Germans of Eastern Pennsylvania, 1735–1750. The subject of his present work, a son of the former, was an active participant in the civil and military history of the Commonwealth, particularly on the Susquehanna and its branches. It is liberally illustrated.

HISTORY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. By John Bach McMaster. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Volume V., with map.

The fifth volume of Professor McMaster's history covers the time of the administration of John Quincy Adams, and to the verge of the great anti-slavery conflict in that of Andrew Jackson. In some respects the volume is historically more valuable than several of the preceding ones, but the same scientific skill in arrangement and succinct style of writing are characteristic as in the others.

NOTES ON THE FAMILIES OF WAGER, WIRTZ, HOUSER, BAKER, SCHRIENER, AND POTTER, OF PHILADELPHIA, by Thomas Allen Glenn, is the last contribution to local genealogy which has been received. It has been carefully compiled and is neatly printed. The edition is limited.